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SUBJECT: TURKEY: EXBS AGREEMENT ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. (SBU) On June 10, Foreign Ministry Deputy Director General for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Affairs Ahmet Muhtar Gun presented us with a diplomatic note (e-mailed to EUR/SE), dated June 9, advising that the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United States of America Regarding Cooperation to Facilitate the Provision of Assistance for Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (EXBS), signed in Ankara on 14 June 2005, is now in effect. In line with Article VII of the Agreement, Turkey has completed the domestic procedures and formalities required for entry into force of this Agreement.

2. (SBU) Gun told us that the Foreign Ministry is prepared to entertain our proposals for the provision of training and equipment under the EXBS program. He added that he will chair a meeting with all relevant Turkish agencies within a week to advise on the entry into force of the EXBS Agreement and consult on priority areas of cooperation. Asked if Turkey is prepared to consult on the repatriation of highly enriched uranium (HEU) fuel from its Cekmece research reactor, Gun said he would consult with the Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK) and provide us a response.

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